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Speaker Mesnard Announces Article V Planning Committee

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – House Speaker J.D. Mesnard (R-17) today announced the House members appointed to serve on the planning committee for the Arizona Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention scheduled for this September.

The Legislature adopted [HCR 2022](#) this year, which outlines the process for appointing delegates to an Article V convention. The resolution also convenes a planning convention of states in Phoenix in September 2017 to begin preparation for a formal Article V convention whose purpose is to propose a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. In accordance with passage of the resolution, formal invitations were sent to the presiding officers of all 50 states inviting them to appoint commissioners to attend the planning convention.

Speaker Mesnard has appointed Majority Whip Kelly Townsend (R-16), Representative Anthony Kern (R-20), and Representative Bob Thorpe (R-6) to serve on the committee tasked with coordinating the logistics of the planning convention.

“I am excited at the prospect of having legislators from all over the country convene here in Arizona this fall, and I am confident Representatives Townsend, Kern, and Thorpe will do an excellent job working to prepare for their arrival,” said Speaker Mesnard. **“Their commitment to freedom, fiscal responsibility, and states’ rights are perfectly suited to help lay the groundwork for what we hope will culminate in an Article V Convention in the not-to-distance future.”**

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